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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, PM; CHIEF, SECURITY

SUBJECT: CAT Pilots

FROM: Chief, Air Operations

1. The CAT pilots, [] will arrive in Miami in accordance with the following schedule Saturday 6 March 1954:

a. [] will arrive Miami Saturday night at 2110 via Eastern flight No. 631.

b. [] will arrive Miami Saturday night at 2255 via National flight No. 650.

c. [] will arrive Miami Saturday afternoon at 1705 via Eastern flight No. 910.

2. [] will be met at the airport by []

3. CAT pilots will get a hotel room in Miami on their own. Sunday, 7 March they will call the number specified and [] will set up time and place for meeting (Phone: Miami [])

4. The meeting will be attended by the CAT pilots, the two AMD officers [] and two LINCOLN officers (Mr. Bauman and [])

5. Mr. [] will handle the cover briefing. [] will be introduced as the Chief Air Operations and the Officer in charge of the CAT pilots, planes, etc. (their Boss). [] will be introduced as home support personnel. [] is to bring photo of cover airports to LINCOLN Saturday 6 March.)

6. Briefly the plan for briefing is as follows:

a. Mr. [] will only give the CAT pilots that portion of the cover story as he believes necessary. Complete briefing will be accomplished at FJHOFLEFEL by [] and the designated security Officer.

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b. The CAT pilots will proceed to Havana on Monday, 8 March and proceed to live their cover story. They will remain in Havana until Tuesday, 23 March — total of fifteen days. They will leave on Pan Am flight No. 503 for Panama via Guatemala, San Salvador, and Managua. The plane remains at each stop for approximately thirty minutes. This routing will allow the air crews to view the country. They will arrive in Panama at 1930 same day. The air crews will check in the Washington Hotel, Colon, Panama not later than the night of 24 March.

7. To insure availability of space on Pan Am Flight No. 503, the four pilots will call Pan Am upon arrival in Havana and make reservations to go to Panama on 23 March. These reservations will be made in the names of Robinson, Roberts, Stuker, and George. On or about 21 March the pilots will call for reservations in their own name. If space is available they will later call and cancel the bogus reservations. If no space available they will go as standbys when the bogus reservations do not show.

8. CAT pilots to write or send telegram to Mr. [] immediately upon arrival in Havana notifying him of their address so that they can be reached by telephone or cable if necessary. [] to stipulate method of sending cable.)

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